REMARKS

Claims 80-96 were examined in the Office action of September 16, 2005. The Office action states, "Claim 91 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims."

Without acquiescing to the rejections/objections of the Office action, Applicants hereby amend independent claim 1 to include the limitation of claim 91, as reflected in the Listing of the Claims, and Applicants cancel without prejudice claim 91. Applicants also similarly amend independent apparatus claim 92, as reflected in the Listing of the Claims. No new matter is added.

As a result, claims 80-90 and 92-96 will be pending after entry of this Amendment.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that the amendments place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections and objections be reconsidered and withdrawn and that the claims be allowed. If an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned.

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